

Appendix 7:

Public Notices and Comments



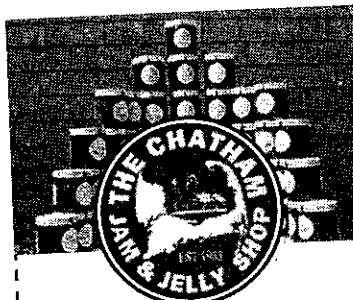
Jill Ferguson.

Teamed with composer Jack Elliott in a television scoring partnership, Ferguson and Elliott wrote the themes for "Charlie's Angels" and "Barney Miller" in the 1970s as well as scores for episodes of numerous other series, including "The Rookies," "Starsky and Hutch," "Police Story" and "Banacek."

On his own in the 1970s and '80s, Ferguson scored many of producer Norman Rosemont's TV adaptations of literary classics such as "A Tale of Two Cities," "The Count of Monte

chronicles the history of television themes. "But I think his real strength was in writing large-scale orchestral scores for Rosemont.

During the '70s and '80s, Ferguson served stints as conductor and musical co-director for the Oscar, Emmy and Grammy award telecasts.



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July 21, 2010

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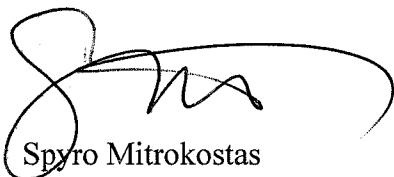
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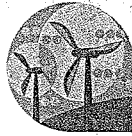
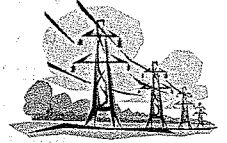


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July 17, 2010

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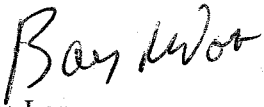
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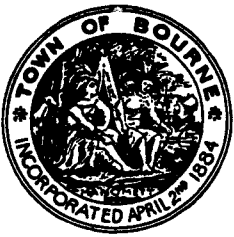
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Sincerely
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July 14, 2010

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Dear Ms. McGee:

I am writing in support of the proposed Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts. The proposed project consists of two community scale wind turbines for installation in Brewster's Commerce Park area. The Town of Bourne is a member community of CVEC.

Bourne is aware that under the direction of the Brewster Energy Committee, the Town has been analyzing the feasibility of installing community scale wind turbines for many years. This analysis has been conducted in an open and public process. The results of the analysis indicate that the development of community scale wind turbines will be economically viable, have positive environmental impacts through the reduction of green house gases, and reduces the electric costs long-term for the Town of Brewster and other municipalities on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments in support of the Commerce Park Wind Turbine project.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Guerino
Town Administrator

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John A. Cunningham
Eleanor J. Cunningham

July 29, 2010

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July 27, 2010

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RE: Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts

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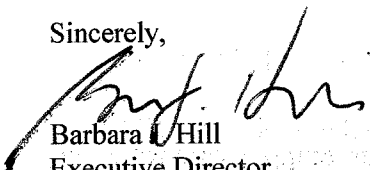
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Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments in support of the Commerce Park Wind Turbine project.

Sincerely,



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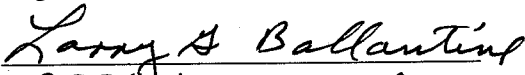
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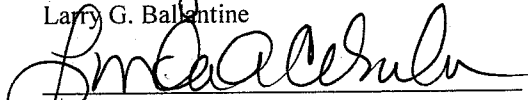
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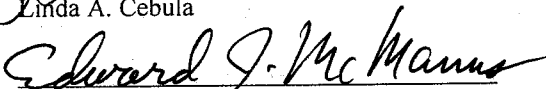
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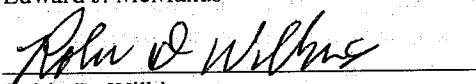
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July 25, 2010

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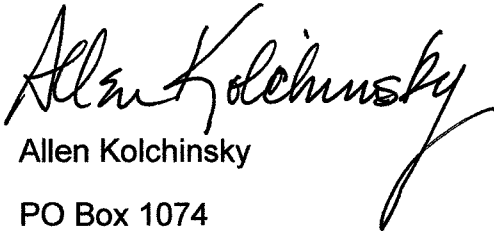
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Mr. Jonathan S. Adelstein
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Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I wish to lend my full support for the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts. The proposed project would install two community scale wind turbines for Brewster's Commerce Park area.

The Electric Cooperative was formed in September 2007 with a mission to develop renewable energy projects on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. Under the direction of the Brewster Energy Committee, the Town has been analyzing the feasibility of installing community scale wind turbines for many years. This analysis has been conducted in an open and public process and has concluded that the development of community scale wind turbines is economically feasible, will have positive environmental impacts through the reduction of green house gases, and reduce long-term electric costs.

Development of this wind turbine project enjoys broad public support demonstrated by two separate affirmative votes at Brewster Town Meeting. This project will directly benefit the Town of Brewster, its residents and the members of the Cape & Vineyard Cooperative.

Thank you for giving this application your full consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact Chris Adams on my staff at 508-771-0666 with any questions.

Sincerely,


Bill Delahunt

cc: Lauren McGee



Cape and Islands Wind Information Network

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July 29, 2010

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Dear Ms. McGee

I am writing as the President of the Cape and Islands Information Network (CIWIN). CIWIN is a non-profit group comprised of residents, business owners, and civic leaders representing the voice of the Cape Cod and Islands citizens who encourage the continued careful and considerate review of municipal and private wind installations for the Cape and Islands. CIWIN researches and collects science-based data and community experiences applicable to site-specific wind energy installations, communicating and sharing this information to create an educated citizenry. The CIWIN website can be viewed at www.ciwin.org.

I am providing written comments in support of the Cape and Vineyard Commerce Park Wind Turbine Project. Rural Utilities Service (RUS) seeks input in performing an Environmental Assessment as to the public benefit and potential impacts of the proposed Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, consisting of two community scale wind turbines for installation in Brewster's Commerce Park area.

Brewster's Commerce Park, off Freeman's Way, is ideal for the installation of two community scale wind turbines, as the area is zoned for industrial use with ample acreage to provide more than the usual buffer between turbines and neighboring residences. On July 1, 2010, the Brewster Town Assessor, Dave Tately, verified the zoning of the intended installation site as industrial: "The Commerce Park land is exempt as it is Town owned land, but it resides within an Industrial zoned area."

The town of Brewster has adopted bylaws to regulate Large Wind Energy Turbines (LWETs) and the Brewster Planning Board is charged with the special permit granting for LWETs. The Brewster Planning Board does not foresee any issues in the permitting process for the LWET special permit for the two turbines on Brewster's municipal land.

Supportive evidence in support of the Commerce Park turbine proposal in specific areas follows:

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Surrounding terrain is hilly with about a 30 to 50 foot difference in elevations.

Clearing of the new-growth pitch pine and oak on the industrial site for equipment delivery, project staging, and tower lay-down will be limited.

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Shadow: With all residences lying to the south, east or west of the turbine installations, flicker concerns are minor. When the sun is 10 degrees above the horizon and clear of trees, a shadow from the 400 foot turbine will be thrown 2,268 feet, with the shadow dissipating over the distance. While a full shadow analysis will be forthcoming, it can be anticipated from experience with similar turbines lying at equal distance from residences, that Woodlands residents in the western end of the complex at a distance of 2,207 feet will experience a faint flicker on winter afternoons, lasting no more than fifteen minutes. Conditions on those afternoons will have to be sunny and the turbine blades will have to be perpendicular to the sun. Similarly, the single residence lying 3,344 feet to the west of Commerce Park will be moderately affected by flicker on winter mornings for about 10 minutes when conditions are right.

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Additional noise mitigation lies in the site's proximity to Route 6, Cape Cod's major highway. The highway lies 1500 feet away from Turbine B and 770 feet away from Turbine A. Sound from the highway contributes to the area's high ambient sound level of 45 db. Sound emissions from turbines of the 1.5MW size class range from 40 to 45 db at 200 feet away.

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Community Benefits: Wind energy conversion systems can offer tremendous benefit to host communities. The positive experiences derived from the success of wind installations in Hull, MA and Portsmouth, RI provide testimony. Few mainland communities can take advantage of wind technology due to a critical, often missing component: a robust wind resource. Even on the Cape and Islands, the interlacing of FAA airspace restrictions combined with tight land restrictions reduces viable wind installation opportunities to a scant few.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Ms McGee

I am writing in support of the proposed Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's (CVEC) Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts, 02631. The proposed project consists of two community scale wind turbines for installation in Brewster's Commerce Park area.

I am a member of the Brewster Energy Committee. We have worked diligently for the past several years to improve our energy efficiency and cost in Brewster. Over the past two fiscal years we have reduced our energy consumption by 3% by using education and conservation.

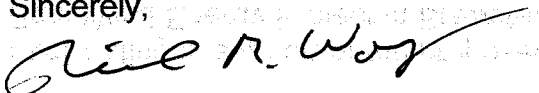
CVEC has recently installed 200,000 kiloWatts of solar cells on our schools. Our power purchase agreement with CVEC will reduce the cost of electricity to Brewster and further clean our air.

We are once again working with CVEC to install two wind turbines which will also reduce our cost of electricity and clean our air. The turbines are to be located in an industrial part of Brewster away from residents. (Minimum distance to the nearest residence is just under a half mile).

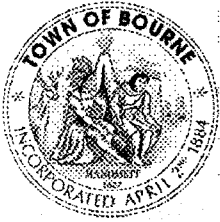
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Please approve the necessary regulations for CVEC's wind turbines in Brewster.

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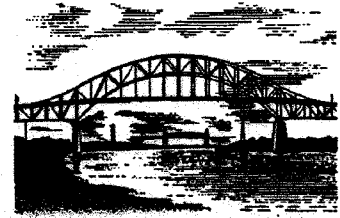


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July 27, 2010

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Dear Ms. McGee:

I am writing in support of the proposed Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts. The proposed project consists of two 1.5 MW community scale wind turbines for installation in Brewster's Commerce Park area. As the Energy Coordinator for both the Cape Cod towns of Bourne and Barnstable, and previously as a wind energy consultant, I've had an opportunity to observe a number of commercial-scale wind turbine projects. In my experience, very few have been as well-conceived and appropriately sited as the Commerce Park project.

Brewster's Commerce Park, off Freeman's Way, is ideal for the installation of two community scale wind turbines, because the area is zoned for industrial use and has ample acreage to provide more than the usual buffer between turbines and neighboring residences.

Like a number of Cape Cod towns, the town of Brewster has adopted bylaws to regulate Large Wind Energy Turbines (LWETs). The town's wind bylaw charges the Planning Board with the special permit granting authority for LWETs. In addition to the Planning Board, the project will be subject to review by state regulatory agencies.

The substantial amount of studies and documents prepared to date for this project indicate the following:

Wildlife: While further plant and animal impact studies will be performed, an initial project feasibility study released by the engineering firm Black and Veatch indicated that the Commerce Park area is free from plant and animal concerns and has no protected or endangered species habitat on or near the prospective site.

Historic: The Commerce Park Wind Turbine Project is not within the jurisdiction of the Old Kings Highway District, and so will not present any negative impacts to historic structures. The hub height of the two proposed turbines will be 262' in height - the same height as one of two existing cell towers at Commerce Park. The second cell tower at Commerce Park is even taller at 309'. While FAA required lighting will be located on the turbine hubs, there is already existing FAA lighting on the cell towers visible at equal and greater heights. It should also be noted that wind mills have been a part of Cape Cod history for over two hundred years.

Viewshed: Whether the view of the turbines will be attractive or not is obviously a subjective determination. However, in the case of the Commerce Park turbines, the view of the turbines will always be in combination with two existing cell towers.

Distance to Residences: Most residences will be well beyond a half-mile from the turbines. The closest residence to the turbines is a senior living center, The Woodlands, approximately 2,207 feet to the east of Turbine B and 2,535 feet to the east-southeast of Turbine A. The next closest residence is approximately 2,378 feet to the south, situated in a cul de sac with eleven other homes.

Shadow: With all residences lying to the south, east or west of the turbine installations, and with the turbines being close to a half mile from the nearest residence, flicker and shadow concerns should be minor to non existent.

Noise: Unlike the noise concerns raised by some large-scale turbines erected too close to residential abutters, the Commerce Park wind turbines, due to their substantial distant from the closest residences, should present no negative noise impacts. Additionally, because the turbines' locations are so close to Route 6, Cape Cod's major highway, the ambient noise coming from the highway traffic will further reduce the impact of the turbines' noise.

Property Values: There has been no evidence of long-term effects on property values as a result of the installation of wind turbines in a neighborhood. According to the National Association of Realtors, "Although research remains scant, wind farms appear to have a minimal or at most transitory impact on real estate. A three years study by the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory concludes 'neither the view of wind energy facilities nor the distance of the home to those facilities was found to have any consistent, measurable, and significant effect on the selling prices of nearby homes.'"

Community Benefits: The need to develop appropriately sited renewable energy generation projects is a high priority for the nation, state and region. Of significant value for the Commerce Park proposal is the fact that the project's "green" electricity benefits will be distributed to the entire Cape and Islands community through the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative. With no fatal flaws, I hope you'll agree this project deserves the USDA funding that will allow the project to become a reality.

Sincerely,



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Energy Coordinator, Towns of Bourne and Barnstable

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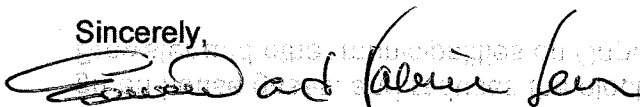
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Development of the Commerce Park Wind Turbine Project by the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative has been successfully supported through two separate Town Meeting votes. This project will directly benefit the Town of Brewster and its residents and the members of the Cape & Vineyard Cooperative.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments in support of the Commerce Park Wind Turbine project.

Sincerely,



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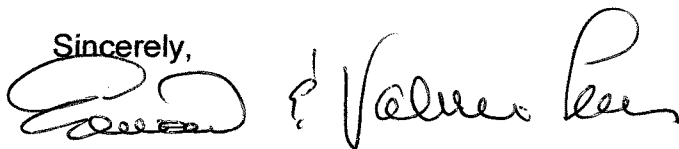
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Charles L. Sumner

Town Administrator

July 28, 2010

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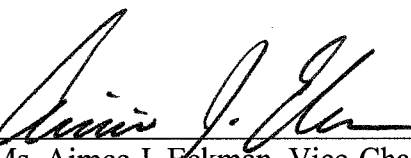
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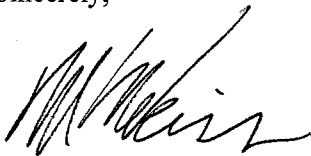
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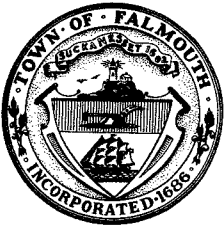
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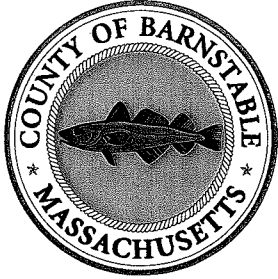
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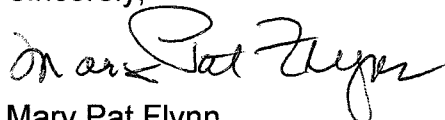
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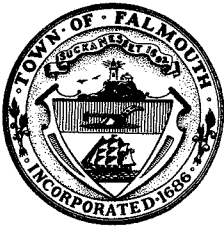
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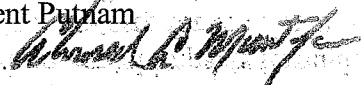
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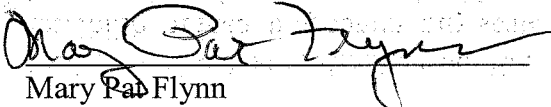
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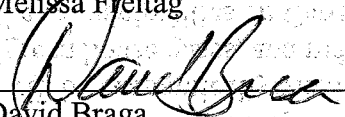
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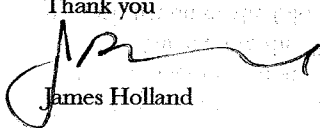
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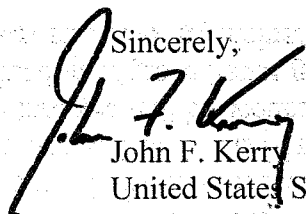
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